

BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 3rd February, 2016

Present:	Cllr. G. Herbert - Chair	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
	Cllr. R. Ball – Vice-Chair	County Cllr. M. Baldock
	Cllr. L. Major	Borough Cllr. J. Hunt
	Cllr. R. Bartlett	Geoffrey Bew, Press
	Cllr. G. Randall	8 Members of the Public
	Cllr. P. England	
	Cllr. D. Dewar-Whalley	

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair formally welcomed everyone. Apologies were received from the Cllr. Palmer, the PCSO and the Community Warden.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Bartlett and seconded by Cllr. Paige; 1 abstention, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th January 2016, were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

3. Public Session

Nothing to report.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Randall declared an interest in Item 8.1 and Item 9.2.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes and Last Month's Meeting

1. **Bobbing Hill – Travellers** – Approximately 40 blocks have arrived and placed on site but some are still outstanding; Clerk to keep chasing contractor. The blocks are second-hand, not too pretty but are solid. There is a need to allow access to one part of the site to empty cesspits; a resident is prepared to install a gate and KCC are agreeable. Agreed to leave this on the Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

6. Councillors' Report

1. **Major building applications and ensuring public services are adhered to** – Cllr. England advised that there has been a build-up of litter in Spinnel Close and Quartz Way, most of which comes from the shops and vehicles using the area which has not been adopted as yet. He felt that pressure should be placed on developers to properly maintain areas before adoption and in this respect he has spoken to Gordon Henderson, M.P. Clerk to thank Swale Borough Council for organising the one-off clean-up of the area. Clerk to write to Gordon Henderson, M.P. asking if he can put pressure on the relevant people to ensure that any future residential development has written into a contract that the basic fundamental facilities should be provided by them until adoption. Borough Cllr. Hunt will keep on chasing the developers as regards the problem areas in The Meads. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. England raised concern at the trees and shrubs that had been cleared to undertake work on the sink hole on the A249, will these be reinstated? It was assumed that they will be otherwise the land could be open to use as an unauthorised parking area for Lorries.

Cllr. Major referred to the flooding; Cllr. Herbert reminded that the Parish Council did write querying water laying in the field to the side of Simpsons Crossing back in June last year. Meridian TV will be meeting with Parish Councillors and others on Friday regarding the A249 'sink-hole'.

Cllr. Ball referred to the planning appeal at Howt Green and advised that the Inspector's promise of a response by Christmas has not come to fruition. He also referred to litter along the Sheppey Way (Bobbing end); Clerk to report this to the Borough Council. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Bartlett raised the issue of dog fouling in Bobbing Hill; she will contact the Dog Warden regarding this. She also asked about the road signs at Key Street Roundabout; Clerk to chase again. **Action: Clerk**

Cllrs. Ball, Randall and Major – nothing further to report.

Cllr. Paige advised that the KALC Area Committee is meeting on the 15th February and will be looking at how to raise its profile; there is also a meeting on the 8th February. Grove Park area has had no direct request for intervention by the Parish Council, although he notes there are Police issues.

Cllr. Dewar-Whalley advised that Swale's Cabinet had decided that the question of parking on pavements is going back to the Joint Transport Board for further discussion; he suggested Cllr. England might want to attend. Cllr. Randall commented that in some areas due to the narrowness of the road there is no option but for cars to park on pavements; he believes that any decision made should take this into account.

Cllr. Dewar-Whalley mentioned the concrete blocks in Bobbing Hill and recommended that they be painted to improve their appearance; it was suggested that perhaps there could be a community painting day. He advised that the law regarding Travellers is changing; he added that there are enough sites now to provide for this ethnic group.

7. Correspondence

1. **Kent MWLP 2013-30 Proposed Further Modifications** – No comments.
2. **Queen's 90th Birthday** – Bring back to March meeting. **Action: Clerk**
3. **Kent Mobile Library Engagement** – Noted.
4. **Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 257: Proposed diversion of Public Footpath ZR105 (part), Bobbing, Sittingbourne** – No objections.
5. **Lower Thames Crossing Route Consultation – Have your Say** – Agreed Members to respond individually. **Action: All Councillors**

8. Planning Applications

Cllr. Ball referred to 14/505985/FULL: Proposed change of use of land for the creation of hardstanding to site 16 mobile homes for 52 weeks of the year for occupation by seasonal agricultural workers along with associated engineering works: Howt Green Sheppey Way Bobbing ME9 8QT – and advised that the appeal has been upheld. Councillors were unhappy with the way this application had been handled and agreed to write to the Chief Executive expressing their disappointment. **Action: Clerk**

1. **15/509450/FULL: Pheasants Farm House, Sheppey Way Bobbing Sittingbourne: Proposed replacement commercial building** – no comments.
2. **15/510565/FULL: Retrospective - Canopy and sound attenuating fence to car wash area: Hand Car Wash 15 - 21 Key Street Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1YX** – no comments.
3. **16/500164/LAWPRO: 38 Galena Close Sittingbourne Kent ME10 5LB: Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for single storey rear extension** – no comments.

9. Finance

1. **Swale Marching Band – Request for Donation** – Agreed to hold until further details to hand. **Action: Clerk**

2. **Donation to Sittingbourne Christmas Lights Association** – An e-mail has been received from a member of the Association. It was agreed to write requesting details of what proportion of expenditure is for the lights and how much money so far has been donated and banked since for the last year.

Action: Clerk

3. **Pension Scheme** – Agreed to go with ‘NEST’ and to check with William Giles, Accountants, on fees as regarding payroll preparation.

Action: Clerk/Cllr. Bartlett

4. **Accounts and Cheques Raised** – the accounts to the 31st January 2016 were agreed and the following cheques were agreed and signed:

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
03.02.16	0497	L. Fisher	Expenses January – Telephone, Use of Office,	£13.77p
03.02.16	0498	H.M. Revenue & Custom	Tax due January 2015	£58.60p
03.02.16	0499	Swale Borough Council	Election Expenses	£98.98p
Three Cheques in total				

Payment:

Wages - £234.91p - salary January 2016

Paid by Standing Order

10. **Any Other Matters Arising**

- Borough Cllr. Stokes has offered £180 from his Members’ Fund; it was agreed to request that an extra litter bin be installed at the bottom of Keycol Hill/Bobbing Hill.

Action: Clerk

- Cllr. Herbert advised that plans have been drawn up and submitted to Swale Borough Council for an extension to the Village Hall.

11. **Next Meeting(s)**

The next monthly Meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd March, 2016, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the small meeting room at Bobbing Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 09.37 p.m.

These minutes are certified to be a true and just record.

Signed: _____ Date: _____